GREENSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING Wednesday, March 12, 2014 – 6 pm Parks and Recreation Headquarters, 1001 Fourth Street

PRESENT MEMBERS: Matthew "Matt" Lojko, Jr. (Chair), Robert Enochs (Vice-Chair), Carl Brower, Christine "Chris" Cheek, Robert "Clay" Hassard, Decarlos Kinds, Tim Tsujii, Justin Washington

ABSENT MEMBERS: None

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Branson, Bob Brooks, Kathy Cates, Jenny Caviness, Ronnie Crite, Phil Fleischmann, Darryl Holsey, Austin Homan, Anna Hoy, Charles Jackson, Ednasha McCray, Barbara McKenzie, Kim Porter, Marcie Richardson, Jessica Rosenblum, Wayne Simmons, Wade Walcutt

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Magrinat (Cone health Center Garden Fund Volunteer Chair and Manager)

The regular meeting of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission was held at Parks and Recreation Headquarters. Matthew Lojko, Jr., Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. The meeting delay was due to power outage causing mechanical adjustments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quorum

Lojko announced that a quorum was present.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 8, 2014 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting were approved as submitted.

RECOGNITIONS

Volunteer

Jenny Caviness, Volunteer and Youth Services Division Manager, introduced Anna Hoy, recently hired as Volunteer Coordinator for Parks and Recreation.

Caviness then introduced Beth Shaffer, volunteer of the month. Shaffer was selected as volunteer of the month for her efforts November 2013-February 2014 planning and building a *Little Free Library* in Cascade Park. This international program is free, lending outdoor libraries welcome to anyone to take or donate books.

Employee Promotion

Phil Fleischmann, Community Recreation Services Division Manager, recognized Charles Jackson and announced his promotion as Special Programs Superintendent.

STAFF REPORTS

Right Plant, Right Place

Kathy Cates, City Beautiful Director, introduced Randal Romie, Greensboro Beautiful Urban Forestry Committee Co-Chair. Cates presented a power point (attached) with information on the efforts of this program. stated that the City of Greensboro and City Beautiful are partnering to plant trees where trees have been removed in public rights-of-ways as part of Duke Energy's vegetation management and to provide information to public on appropriate planting under utility lines. Cates then turned the presentation over to Romie.

Romie reported that the goals are to work with the public on communication and participation with a focus on right-of-ways, city property, and common areas. Many trees under power lines that Duke Energy removed were in the streets right-of-ways, curbs, and sidewalks. This effort will replace two trees for every one tree that has been removed. The trees to be planted need to be no more than 15-20 feet high. This will lessen future trimming; however ensuring that 38% of current tree canopy coverage is maintained. For a city the size of Greensboro a percentage in the low forties would be appropriate. Charlotte, NC is moving towards a 50% tree canopy coverage by the year 2025. There are two annual cycles with fall being the best time to plant; however Arbor Day is held in spring throughout the country. This effort is beginning this spring as part of the Tree City USA Certification. Tree stumps were removed in February and discussions with the neighborhood will be held in March. Additional community meetings will be held in the upcoming weeks, kicking off with Arbor Day.

Cates added that Commission Members were mailed invitations to the Blandwood Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting. This will be the first neighborhood kick-off meeting that will explain the Right Plant, Right Place program. The committee will then return to the neighborhood to present a specific plan showing exact locations of where trees will be planted based on the neighborhood's requests.

Romie continued stating that Arbor Day is held the third Friday in March; however the planting will take place the Saturday following. An additional planting will take place April 12 in celebration of Earth Month.

Cates stated that there will be a fall component the first Saturday in November as part of the NeighborWoods initiative to piggyback on the two annual planting cycles.

Cates continued stating that the pilot program will begin with a kickoff on March 22 in Westerwood/Southside Neighborhood, a community meeting on March 31, and a planting day on April 12.

Cates reported that City Beautiful, Inc. was incorporated in 1968 and is a volunteer based organization that works in partnership with the City of Greensboro and citizens. Their mission is to conserve and enhance the beauty and ecology of our community through public and private cooperation. This is made possible by private funding and volunteer support to initiate community enhancement projects and programs. The comp ratio for the city and Greensboro

Beautiful is for every dollar the city spends on Greensboro Beautiful's programs, Greensboro Beautiful returned \$3.33.

Romie informed the Commission that the Right Plant, Right Place concept was started by the National Arbor Day Foundation and embraced by Duke Energy. If the right trees are planted in the right place, then perhaps no trimming around power lines would be required. Greensboro Beautiful and the City of Greensboro will participate with Duke Energy to educate residents on where and what type trees to plant. The City's Urban Forrester and Greensboro Beautiful volunteers will assist citizens about education on proper planting.

Decarlos Kinds, Member, stated that this effort is good timing with the recent negative press regarding Duke Energy.

Battle of Guilford Courthouse Reenactment

Steve Branson, Regional Parks Superintendent, invited everyone to attend the Battle of Guilford Courthouse that will be held this upcoming weekend at Country Park. Branson recognized Jay Callaham who was present and a participant in the reenactment. The reenactment portion of the event will be held at 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday. The presentation was turned over to Callaham.

Callaham thanked the board for their consistent support for this annual event. This event is made possible through the cooperation of the National Park Service and Guilford Battleground Company. Several thousand spectators attend the event each year. This is a fun yet educational event with 300-500 uniformed participants. The event strives to show different aspects of the battle including events prior to the final battle at the courthouse. Participants travel from all over the United States including Florida and Texas.

Bryan Park Improvements

Bob Brooks, Gillespie Golf, reported that additions to the field at the Bryan Park Soccer Complex McPherson Stadium were recently completed and shown in a powerpoint presentation (attached). New locker rooms and bathrooms were a portion of this renovation as well as outdoor grading. Over 60 feet of drainage pipe was installed and almost 5,000 square feet of sod was laid. Bicentennial Garden staff assisted with the selection of forty plants and trees planted along the building. This project began on November 8, 2013 and was complete on November 13. This was all completed in time for a large ESPN event.

Brooks announced that the ACC College Hall of Champions Boy's Showcase will be held at McPherson Stadium on March 29-30. This event is hosted by Greensboro United Soccer Association.

Ronnie Crite, Bryan Park Crew Member, reported that in the field house three locker rooms were installed, three high definition televisions were installed, three showers, 30 cubbies, and access to the locker rooms behind the building verses the front side where spectators are located.

Cone Health Cancer Center Garden Fund

Cates came before the Commission once again to introduce Mary Magrinat, Volunteer Chair and Manager of the Cone Health Healing Garden at Cone Hospital. Greensboro Beautiful has supported the efforts towards this project. Cates turned the presentation over Magrinat.

Magrinat came before the board with a powerpoint presentation (attached) with information on the healing garden. The garden will be located adjacent to Cone Health Cancer Center and Wesley Long Hospital. The hospital owns the property where the garden is to be built which is currently protected wetland. There is a bio cell that filters the rain water from the roof and parking areas. The garden will consist of native grasses, wild flowers, trees that are beautiful during every season, plants, boulders, rocks, flowers, path, and quiet areas along the path. The reason for the garden is that nature promotes healing. A study shows that people who have a view of nature are released from the hospital earlier than expected. The essential elements of the healing garden are interacting with nature, allowing for exercise and fresh air. A seed gift of \$10,000 has been designated for this garden. Meetings have been held with stakeholders. A steering committee has been formed. A tree scape along Wendover has been installed completing the first phase of this project. The next phase consists of the wetland garden. This will be place where patients and families can gather for fresh air and exercise. A portion of the path will be concrete and part boardwalk and 80% wheelchair accessible. The existing stream will be restored. The community garden will have raised beds allowing for wheelchair accessibility. A meditation path will be placed in the garden. This area will also be viewable from inside the Cancer Center area. There will be a Tanger Labyrinth installed in the garden. Many volunteer hours have been dedicated to this project with great community support. The wetland phase hopes to be constructed summer of 2014 and complete this fall. Construction for the meditation garden is proposed to begin summer of 2015 with completion in October 2015. Fundraising efforts continue.

Kinds inquired the acreage amount of the garden and who will maintain the area.

Magrinat replied that the garden is 2.2 acres. The maintenance structure has been developed with the assistance of the Bog Gardens staff. There will be maintenance funds available for a professional to maintain the area and volunteer workdays will be conducted. Volunteers are called The Healing Gardeners.

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Charles Jackson, Mainstream Resources Unit Coordinator, introduced Jessica Rosenblum, Mainstream Resources Unit Assistance Coordinator, and Brandt Taylor, Program Assistant. Information regarding Developmental Disabilities Awareness was distributed. This information included training materials that are used to train Parks and Recreation staff. Jackson and Rosenblum conducted a powerpoint presentation (attached) with information on how staff is trained and how one should conduct themselves when in the presence of someone with a disability.

Lojko inquired if this training could perhaps be offered to other city departments.

Fleischmann replied that this opportunity is being explored.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Henry Street Park

Ednasha McCray, Planning and Project Development Division Manager, reported that the Parks and Recreation Department has over 100 neighborhood parks within the parks system. Many of these parks were built in excess of 50 years ago; therefore staff is often charged with finding ways to upgrade park amenities and park enhancement. Henry Street Park is located on Henry Street and bordered to the east and west by North Elm and North Church Streets, and to the north by Pisgah Church Road and to the south by Cone Boulevard. This is a 10-acre neighborhood park with walking trails, practice ball field, picnic shelter, and playground. This park is unique in size with other neighborhood parks are an acre or less. There have been concerns with this park over the last several years with criminal activity. In 2010 the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager's Office conducted and neighborhood walk in this area to meet with residents and hear of any issues within the community. Once the concerns were voiced, staff was tasked with exploring solutions. Around the same time the city received a proposal from Kisco Senior Living, a parent company for Abbotswood at Irving Park. Their proposal was to explore city interest in perhaps selling a portion of Henry Street Park so that they may expand their senior living facility. This allowed city staff to work with the neighborhood with what could perhaps be a "win, win, win" opportunity. This would help the city alleviate or eliminate some of the issues of the park but also allow for the expansion of the senior living facility which would contribute to economic development. McCray turned the presentation over to Mitch Brown, Chief Development Officer of Kisco Senior Living.

Brown presented the Commission with a powerpoint (attached) and informed members that Kisco Senior Living has owned Abbotswood since 1995 and have six senior living facilities in NC, three in the Triad and three in the Raleigh/Durham area. The Abbotswood community was built in 1987 and built as an all independent living facility with 166 units. In 1999, an assisted living building was added and opened in September 2001. The facility sits on 12 acres with Henry Street Park running along one edge of the property. There have been a number of issues with the park and worked with the Police Department over a number of years and has seemed to escalate over the past 10 years. Kisco approached the city to work together about the situation and began exploring ideas for a win situation for everyone. The average age at the facility is 85 years and their needs change as they age. An idea was discussed to perhaps purchase a portion of Henry Street Park in which the city could reinvest those funds into the park to fully amenities a safe, well lit, well designed park that the neighborhood and senior living facility would embrace and protect.

Brown distributed and presented a conceptual of the proposed park (attached); however there is more planning and design to be done. Community meetings have been held over the past several months allowing for input on their desires for the park. Residents inquired how they would have access to the park with the concept that was created so therefore additional planning needs to be done. Kisco proposes to create two pods (cottages) that are single story homes. Kisco has

constructed numerous homes of this nature which attracts younger seniors (78-80 years old) and would place 10 of these buildings scattered around the property as well as two households consisting of 22 beds programmed for assisted living and/or indoor care. The project would infuse several million dollars into the economy. Kisco would support the city in their planning efforts. Crime prevention through environmental design would be incorporated into the planning of the park.

Brown continued stating that a formal agreement has been established with the Elms neighborhood with their unanimous support of this proposal. Arrangements are being made with Grantham Street residents for a formal agreement recognizing their support.

The property currently has some drainage and flooding issues; however with the proposed plan Kisco can pick up this property which is currently a city easement and create drainage on the Abbotswood side to eliminate the flooding. Brown distributed a drawing (attached) showing a flooding design solution for 2 existing households.

Brown stated that the land concept transaction is what is binging considered for Commission approval with a recommendation for City Council approval and the Zoning Commission for the land transaction in order for plans to move forward.

McCray added that the community involvement portion consisted of several meetings with the community in conjunction with Kisco over the past year. The concept plan is merely a concept but wanted to have available a visual for residents to have an idea of what the park could look like. A three acre park is still a lot larger than our current acre average for Greensboro's neighborhood parks. This park would be three times the size of Center City Park. City Council will have final authority if this proposal moves forward. With Commission approval the next step will be to return to the community for a more detailed conceptual of park amenities.

Brower inquired if the ballpark is being kept in the plan and is there street parking on Henry Street.

McCray stated that has not yet been determined and awaiting community feedback for their desires for the ball park to remain. There has been feedback from some community residents that they would like to keep the ball park and other residents who would like to see an alternative amenity. Further detail with the community will determine the specifics and what is their priority. There is parking on Henry Street but currently no sidewalks which is a concern. The park is not intended for people to drive to and like most neighborhood parks it is intended to be accessible by foot. If there is on street parking it is incidental.

Brown added that there was a former parking lot; however the city had to close it due to problems with illegal activity. There are bollards that keep people from entering the parking area.

Lojko asked for confirmation on whether Henry Street is larger in width than a normal street.

McCray replied that it is larger and a higher speed attractive as a result. This can be addressed with the Department of Transportation to explore ways to calm this from happening.

Brower stated that due to the fencing people have to walk around to the entrance therefore people will drive and park on the street. Brower suggested offering programming in the park to reduce the street activity.

McCray said that there has been feedback regarding pedestrian access to the park and this very important for staff to maintain considering there are 4-5 neighborhoods surrounding the park, specifically along Flint and Fawcett Streets. Discussions have been held regarding easements or some type of connection for park entries.

Lojko took prerogative of the Chair to hear Speakers from the Floor in regards to Henry Street Park.

Elaine Monroe, 5 Hamden Court, stated that she has lived in the Henry Street Park neighborhood since 1998. Monroe expressed concern regarding vandalism and theft activity around the park area; however improvements have been made with assistance from the City of Greensboro Public Affairs Department. Monroe spoke in support of offering children programs in the park to help alleviate current disruptive activities and giving the children opportunity to be involved in programs that are near to their homes that otherwise may not have the opportunity to travel elsewhere for such an option.

Marshall Watson, 3118 Henry Street, spoke in support of the proposal. Watson has lived directly across the street from the park for 17 years. Watson expressed concern regarding the lack of parental guidance at the park. A neighborhood watch program was formed in 2012, however drug problems and shootings in the park have taken place. With the upcoming possible development of the park decreasing from 10 acres to 3 acres would be immensely beneficial to the neighborhood, children, and the City of Greensboro. During the summer, soccer and baseball activity takes place which results in street parking and is concerning when residents are backing out of their driveways and accidents have occurred as a result. In the past the park offered a summer program through the Parks and Recreation Department and supports the return of this program under a supervisory condition.

Brower inquired how many children utilized the summer playground program and where is the closest recreation center.

Watson stated that every child in the neighborhood, possibly 30-40 children. The closest facility is the Sportsplex approximately 4 ½ miles away.

Lojko added that Craft Recreation Center is the nearest recreation center, 2-3 miles from the neighborhood.

Washington inquired if a basketball court is desired.

Watson replied stating that there currently is a concrete slab that was once used as a basketball court. The basketball court drew people from other neighborhoods which also brought more drug activity. There are now basketball courts in the street and being used for bringing drug activity into the area as well as vandalism. Watson stated that it would not be in good sense to build a basketball court, unless supervised and gated.

Lojko stated that the request before the Commission is the selling of the property. The remaining 3 acres of the property and its programming will be addressed and voices will be heard at a later date. Lojko inquired if the Police Department is in favor of the proposal.

McCray informed the Commission that staff has had extensive conversations with the Police Department and were able to provide pages of incidents and calls of unwanted happenings that have occurred in the park and neighborhood. The Police Department contacted the Parks and Recreation Department on one occasion with concern of visibility being a problem at the park with a large portion of the park being heavily wooded and Police have no visibility into the park from the street. They are supportive to the extent of what is improved for having increased visibility. Future design concepts would be brought to the attention of the Police Department. The principle of crime prevention through environmental design would be incorporated to have natural surveillance as a key component as well as other security features such as buffering, low lighting to give people a sense of security around the park. This has also been discussed in relation to other neighborhood parks as they are redeveloped to consider natural surveillance.

Kinds asked if the fair market value will allow for the minimal that is necessary to cover the needs of the three acres, for instance lighting.

McCray replied that it is difficult to determine at this time not knowing what the minimum would be. Based on the value of the previous appraisal there should be opportunity to do so. There is currently street lighting at the site and can work with the Engineering Department to research the possibility of increased lighting along the perimeter of the park. Although lighting will help with visibility in deterring criminal activity, however neighborhood parks are open from dusk to dawn and lighting would be more inviting for people to visit the park. The location of the three acres is located in the more clear section of the park, assisting with more visibility.

Brown added that Kisco Senior Living Facilities is required by code to have a certain amount of lighting allowing for perimeter lighting of the park.

Cheek inquired if any research has been conducted in being able to fund and offer programs at the park.

McCray stated that research of this nature has been conducted to date, however can be researched as part of the feasibility. Staff can research a way that is economically viable and sustainable. Greensboro has over 100 neighborhood parks and will need to be sensitive in relations to these other parks.

Brower asked if the residents in the existing senior living facility utilize the park. With new development of Abbotswood, will these buildings be tall enough for residents view the park from indoors.

Brown replied that it is difficult for them to use the park due to a chain link fence that runs all along the property line; therefore not allowing a convenient access. The new development would be single level buildings; however based on the grade, the amount of vegetation, and type of fencing it could allow for park viewing.

Action Taken

A motion was made by Enochs to recommend the City Council declare as surplus property approximately seven acres of the Henry Street Park and to enter into an agreement with Kisco Senior Living to sell those seven acres to Kisco Senior Living, for an amount to be determined by third party appraisal, with 100% of the proceeds of the sale being committed by the City for the improvement of the remaining approximately three acres of Henry Street Park.

Brower asked for consideration of amending the motion to include that residual funds will be used for Parks and Recreation purposes and only to be used for Parks and Recreation as staff sees fit for any shortfalls, funding for any project or maintenance for any other parks within the city.

Lojko took prerogative of the Chair to read a letter (attached) in support of this proposal submitted by Robert D. Connell, Irving Park Association.

After Board Member discussion of what, if any, how any residual be used, the following motion was made:

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World War Memorial Stadium

McCray reported that staff came before the Commission in 2012 to provide an update on the World War Memorial Stadium area plans. At that time there was only a concept plan for redevelopment with no forward direction established. The stadium was built in 1926 and located on 14 acres donated by the Cone family. The stadium was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. A solution for renovating the stadium has been in the works for over 10 years. There have been multiple design iterations and structural studies to determine the status and condition of the concrete and stadium. Staff has worked with the Aycock neighborhood in

developing strategic plans for their neighborhood which also references the stadium and their desire to for it to be preserved. There have been transportation studies conducted on how to improve Summit Avenue. There has been design work completed to have a visual and cost estimate of the renovation.

The City of Greensboro has recently received a Historic Preservation fund grant from the National Park Service in 2013. The purpose of the grant at that time was to create a historic structural report. Previous evaluations and studies for the facility looked at the condition of the actual concrete form a more structural stand point, but not in disregard to it being an historic structure. In receiving the grant, staff has worked with BWC Consulting, a boutique economic development consulting firm, to research the synthesis and feasibility of not only how to redevelop the stadium but to incorporate with redevelopment for the area as a whole. In previous studies, the focus was on the stadium site and felt that this would offer the opportunity to also look at the surrounding areas.

McCray presented the Commission with a powerpoint (attached) explaining the recent study. The study includes the stadium, Summit Avenue Corridor Study, Farmer's Curb Market, Aycock Neighborhood and NC A&T University. Not mentioned in the powerpoint or study, however an important component, is the connection this will allow to the downtown greenway.

After the powerpoint presentation, McCray reported that staff had the opportunity 2 weeks ago to consult with staff from the State Historic Preservation office to review the previous 7-8 design renovations for the stadium and were able to narrow down 3 of the options that would be best as it relates to maintaining the historic preservation. Sutton-Kinnerly and Associates, the original firm that completed a condition assessment during the early 2000's, were presented with perhaps submitting a proposal that would include a historic preservation plan. They will offer guidance on a phased approach and cost estimates. There is currently \$1.3 million that can be used. An update will be given to the Commission at later date once a plan has been prepared.

Kinds inquired if there is a time frame for phase one.

McCray replied that this currently conceptual and recommendation. A time line has not yet been established. The main focus is on section 5 (from the powerpoint) due to funding availability to invest into the facility.

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Jay Callahan, 1 Timber Ridge Court, spoke in support of the World War Memorial Stadium preservation project. Callahan informed the Commission that there is a National War World Commission researching monuments and may be able to provide funding for this project.

INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Walcutt announced that the Commission will be attending a joint work session with City Council regarding LeBauer Park.

Appreciation was expressed for staff that assisted with recent icy weather and the preparations made to ensure everyone's safety. Glenwood Recreation Center was available as a warming station for residents who lost power.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Tsuji welcomed Anna Hoy to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Kinds commended staff for their efforts during the recent ice storm.

Brower reported that there are tree limbs blocking the sidewalk at Barber Park along Florida Street. Brower expressed the importance of board members attending upcoming public budget meetings. Brower congratulated Charles Jackson on his promotion.

Lojko expressed thanks to the board members who were able to attend the Griffin Recreation Center public meetings.

With no further business, Lojko adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Marcie Richardson, Executive Assistant Greensboro Parks and Recreation





March 12, 2014 – P&R Commission Meeting NeighborWoods "Right Plant, Right Place" Pilot Tree Replanting Program

Greensboro Beautiful, Parks & Recreation, Planning, Field Operations, NC Cooperative Extension, Residents, and Volunteers



Why



- •To provide an opportunity to plant trees where ones have been removed on public rights-of-way as part of Duke Energy's ongoing vegetation management work.
- To provide education to the public on appropriate planting near utility lines.





Goals



- Communication / Resident Participation
- Focus on Rights-of-Way/City Property/Common Areas
- 2:1 Ratio /Location Flexibility
- Lessen Future Pruning and Removal Through Public Education
- Tree Canopy Recovery







2 Annual Cycles



<u>February</u> – Trees Removed, Stumps Ground, Boundary Selected, Resident Contact

<u>March</u> – Logistics, Planning, Resident Contact/Community Meetings, Locations Confirmed, Trees Purchased

<u>April</u> – Dig Holes, Deliver Trees, Planting Day

Follow-up





<u>August</u> – Trees Removed, Stumps Ground, Boundary Selected, Resident Contact

<u>September/October</u> - Logistics, Planning, Resident Contact/Community Meetings, Locations Confirmed, Trees Purchased

<u>November</u> – Dig Holes, Deliver Trees, Planting Day

Follow-up





Pilot Program





Westerwood /Southside Neighborhoods

<u>March 2014</u>
Kick-Off (March 22)
Community Meeting (March 31)

April 2014
Planting Day (April 12)

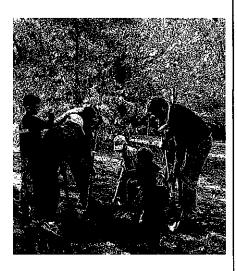




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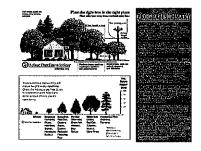




Public Education







Right Plant, Right Place

- Participate in Utility Meetings with Residents
- Community Meetings with Neighborhoods
- One-on-One Resident Contact / Assistance
- Further Public Outreach





QUESTIONS?



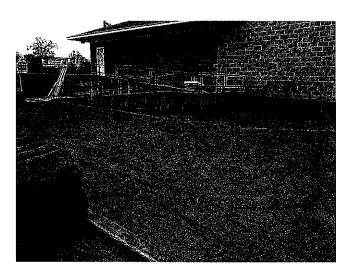
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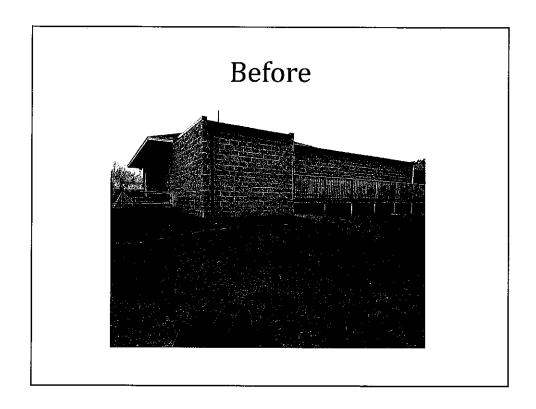


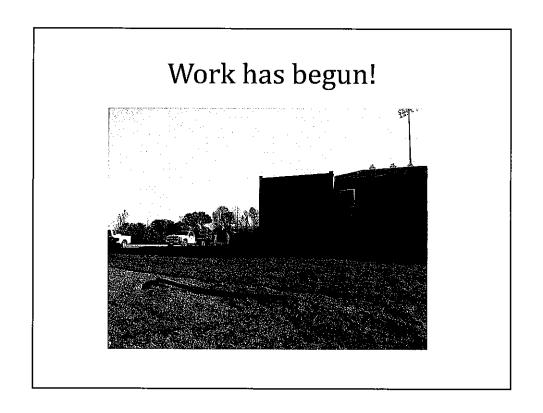


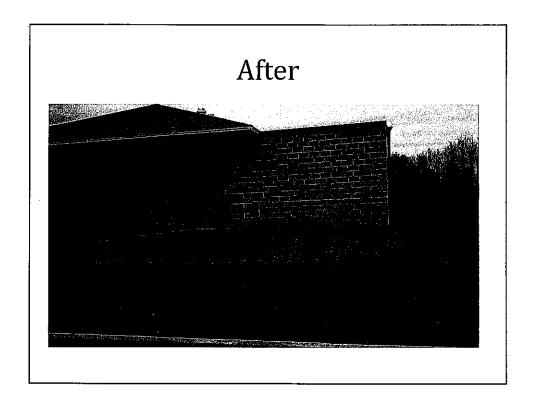


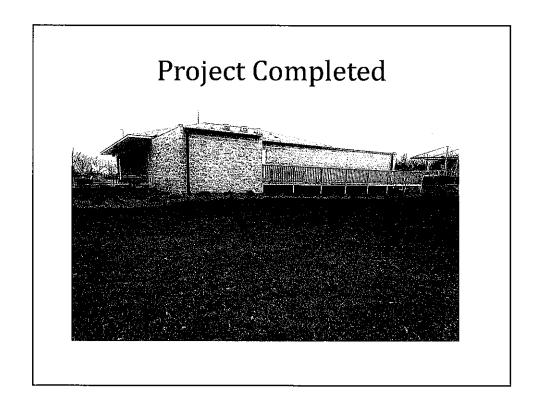
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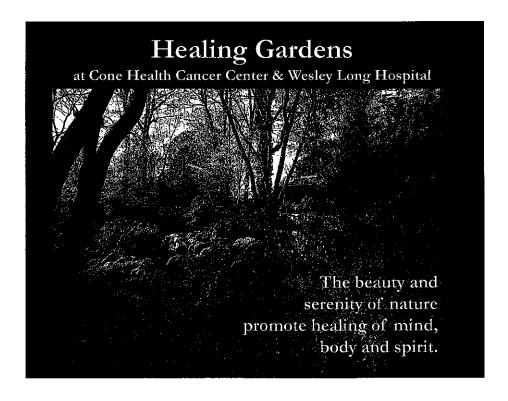


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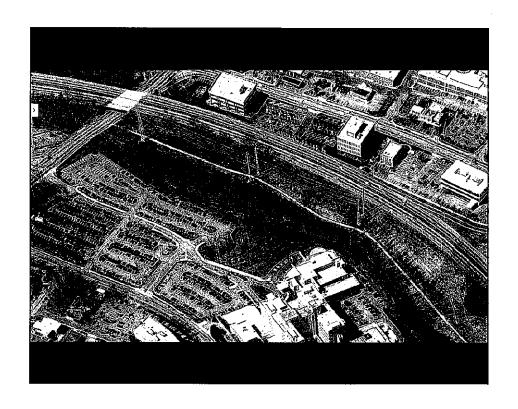
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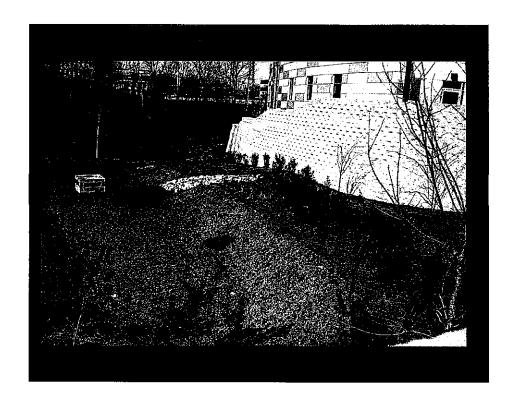
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Current Landscape

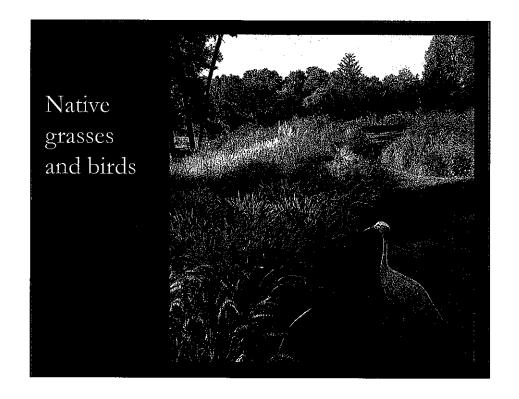


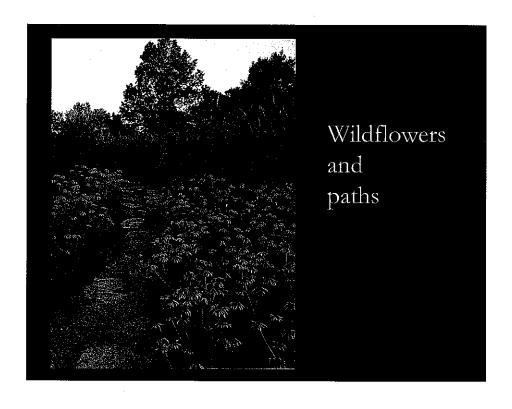






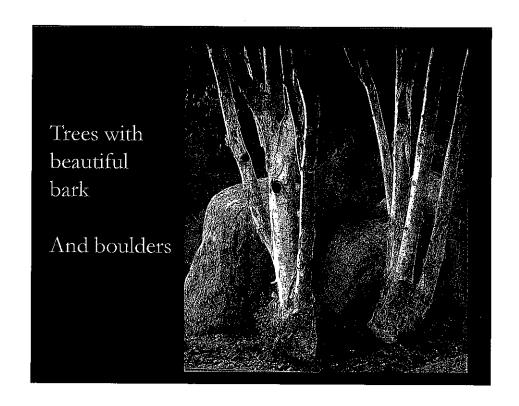
Vision of New Healing Gardens

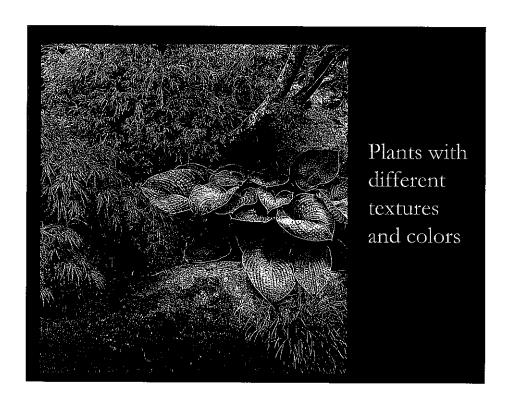


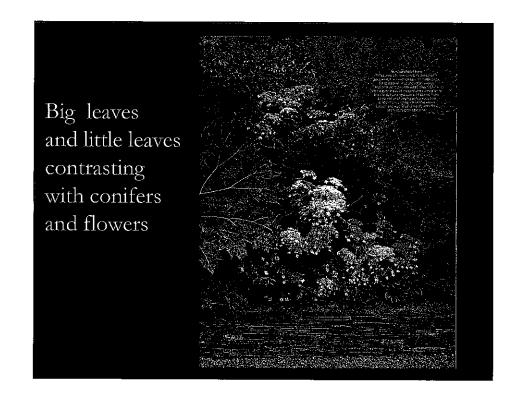














Quiet spots along the way

Why Create Healing Gardens?

- Healing Gardens are therapeutic: since the 1980's a growing body of research has demonstrated this.
- Most new hospitals today are designed with healing gardens according to the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Essential Elements of Healing Gardens

- Engage with nature
- Promote physical movement and exercise
- Encourage social interaction
- Provide peace and rest and quiet
- Offer a comfortable and secure setting

Germination of Healing Gardens

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<u>2012</u>	
Nov	Initial meetings with Cone Health
Dec	Cone commitment to explore. Hospital committee formed.
	Seed Gift of \$10,000 received to develop plan
2013	
Jan-Jun	Hospital committee meetings
April	Initial master plan drawings approved by Cone Health
May	Meetings with Cancer Center and Wesley Long employees
Jun-Dec	Refining of garden design and pricing and re-pricing
Jun-Aug	Proposal to City of Greensboro for Wendover Treescape
	Meetings seeking approval from Duke Energy for Treescape
	Meetings with city, county and state regulators
Dec	Wendover Treescape planted!
<u>2014</u>	Healing Gardens are growing through contributions

Healing Gardens Steering Committee

Mary and Gus Magrinat, Chairs

Porter Aichele

Alexa Aycock

Ex Officio Members:

Jim Brooks

Linda Carlisle

Lee McAllister, Board of Trustees Paul Jeffrey, President Wesley Long

Vanessa Carroll

Skip Hislop, VP Oncology Services Steve Stephens, Advancement Council

Rene Cone

Jackie Humphrey

Cathy Levinson

Jane Levy

Cone Health Members:

Madeline Mills

Pam Barrett

Sarah Warmath

Jeff Heffelfinger

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Sunset Hills Neighborhood

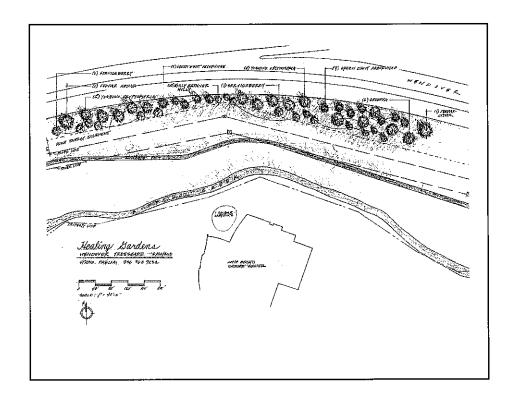
Co-sponsor for certain grant applications.

Coordinator: Alex Elkin



Wendover Treescape Dec 2013

- 62 trees planted along Wendover Avenue 10 to 20 ft tall now growing to 40 to 60 ft tall
- A visual and sound barrier for:
 - -Healing Gardens
 - -Lake Daniel Greenway path
- A beautiful view for Wendover drivers

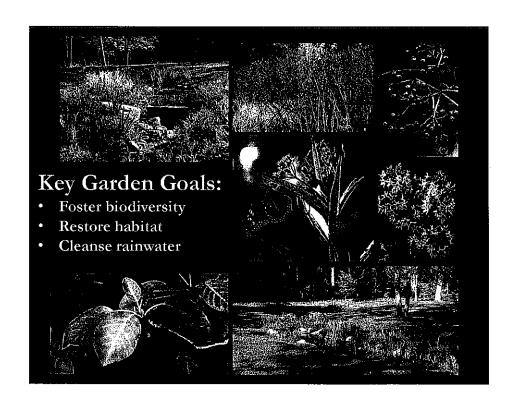


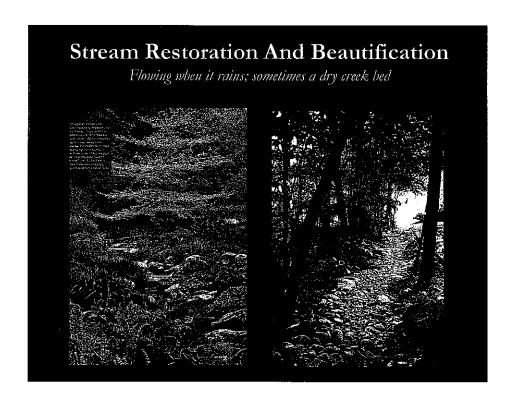
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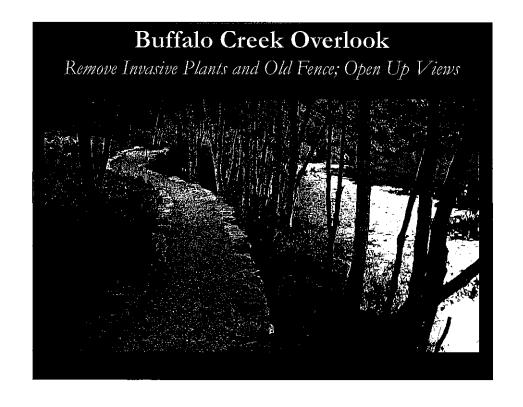
Between Parking Garage and Cancer Center

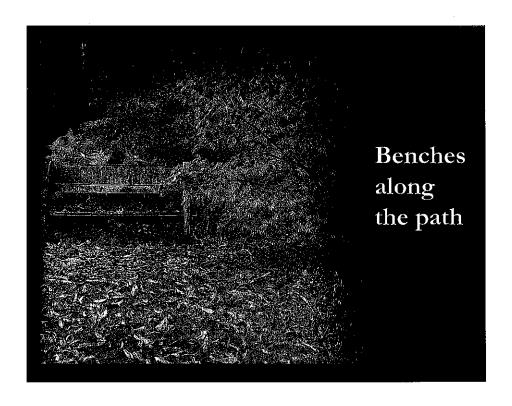
- A place for patients and their families to walk outside in the fresh air
- Large patios, lookouts, and many benches for rest and relaxation
- The garden design works with the existing topography.



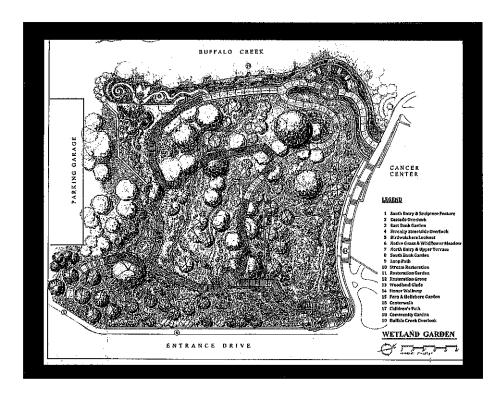


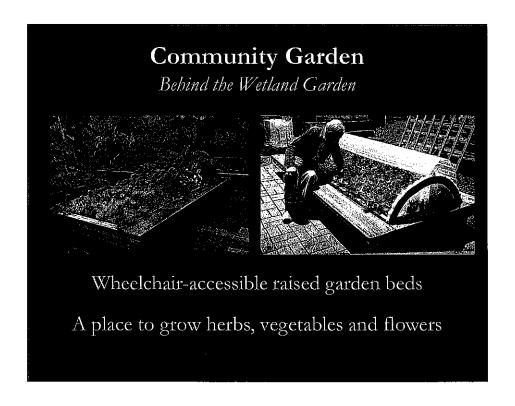










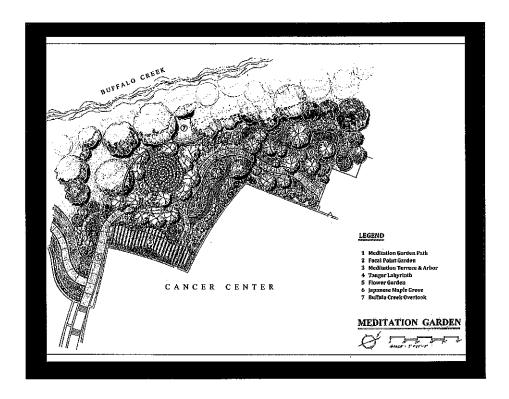




Meditation Garden

Near Chemo and Radiation Treatment Areas

- · Shaded patio with fans and seating
- Water feature
- Flower Garden
- Japanese Maple Grove
- Buffalo Creek Overlook
- The Tanger Labyrinth





Community Involvement

- Donations of services:
 - 200 hours of landscape design
 - Civil engineering
 - Construction consulting
 - Environmental consulting
 - Project management and promotion
- Government and regulatory cooperation
- Active Steering Committee
- Active Hospital Committee
- · Involvement of Sunset Hills Neighborhood

Healing Gardens Timeline

Proposed

Summer 2014 Wetland Hardscape Construction

Oct 2014 Planting of Wetland Garden

Summer 2015 Meditation Garden Construction

Oct 2015 Planting of Meditation Garden

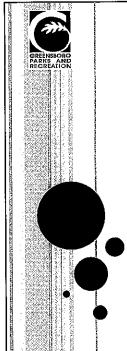
The Healing Gardens are growing through generous contributions from the community.

Signature Naming Opportunities

The Healing Gardens	\$500,000
Wetland Garden	\$300,000
Meditation Garden	\$200,000
Meditation Arbor and Terrace	\$150,000
North Entry & Upper Terrace	\$ 90,000
Community Garden	\$ 80,000
Wetland Garden Loop Path	\$ 75,000
Stream Restoration	\$ 75,000
South Garden Entry & Cascade Overlook	\$ 70,000
Serenity Streetside Overlook	\$ 60,000
Children's Path	Reserved
Centerwalk	\$ 50,000

Pledges may be paid over a three year period: 2014, 2015, and 2016.





Disability Awareness& Sensitivity Training



MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE PROGRAM AT A TIME

Greensboro Parks & Recreation
MainStream Resources Unit
"Inclusion Section"

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DISABILITY AWARENESS & SENSITIVITY TRAINING



Americans With Disability Act of 1990

Title II prohibits disability discrimination by all public entities at the local (i.e. school district, municipal, <u>city</u>, county) and state level. Public entities must comply with Title II regulations by the U.S. Department of Justice. These regulations cover access to all programs and services offered by the entity. Access includes physical access described in the ADA Standards for Accessible Design and <u>programmatic</u> access that might be obstructed by discriminatory policies or procedures of the entity.



BASIS FOR DISABILITY AWARENESS & SENSITIVITY TRAINING

- To support the department's *inclusive* part of the mission statement.
- Understanding that inclusion is <u>everybody's</u> job. (wording is everything / knowing what "no" really means and how options can make a difference).
- To make sure <u>everyone</u> has the opportunity to enjoy the tremendous benefits of recreation and leisure, regardless of ability level.
 - To make sure recreation professionals are prepared to provide access to <u>everyone</u> who wants to participate.
- To heighten the awareness of barriers that influence major life skills of people with disabilities.
 - To ensure that separate is not wrong, It just cannot be the only option.
 - Understanding that all people are different.
 - Understanding short and long term goals.
 - To honor the City values through Honesty, Integrity, Respect, and Stewardship









GREENSBORO PARKS & RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department exists to provide professional and diverse leisure opportunities through <u>inclusive</u> programs, facilities, parks and open space, ensuring that Greensboro is a desirable place to work, live and play.







GREENSBORO PARKS & RECREATION INCLUSION STATEMENT

With the support of the department, the MainStream Resources Unit has embarked on an ambitious inclusion plan, which is designed to advance our agency's commitment to serving all individuals, regardless of their ability level. In the coming months, you will hear more about this initiative and I encourage you to support it as inclusive programs are a part of the department's mission statement:

"The Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department exists to provide professional and diverse leisure opportunities through inclusive programs, facilities, parks and open space, ensuring that Greensbora is a desirable place to work, live and play."

At the center of this plan is our commitment to providing you with the resources needed in order to best serve our residents, regardless of their ability. The program formally rolls out with the recreation center's summer day camp program, where trained inclusion counselors will be available to assist and train staff to best serve all youth. This program will soon be expanding into other areas of our department. Please contact Charles Jackson, MainStream Resources Coordinator at any time if your area would like assistance in this regard.

Everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy the tremendous benefits of recreation and leisure. As the demographics of our communities continue to change and expand, it will be more important than ever for recreation professionals to be prepared to provide access to anyone and everyone who wants to participate. And with that, I ask that we continue to embrace and encourage a welcoming approach to every resident. As we embark on this and other and endeavors, the Department will collectively use our ingenuity, creativity and sharing of resources to meet this goal.

Email from: Chris Wilson, Director of Greensboro Parks & Recreation 2013





INCLUSION IS DEFINED AS....

- People with and without disabilities participating in recreation together! The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that parks and recreation programs and services are provided in the "most integrated setting." Although the term "Integration" is used throughout the ADA, "Inclusion" has become the word which is most commonly associated with the concept of integrating persons with disabilities into general services (school, community, etc.)
- Integration is fundamental to the purpose of the ADA. Despite the existence of separate or special programs
 designed to provide a benefit to persons with disabilities, these programs cannot be used to restrict the
 participation of persons with disabilities in general activities.
- Inclusion refers to a philosophy that goes well beyond non-discrimination and takes a proactive approach to including all people in all programs and services. For parks and recreation departments, an inclusive approach involves actively promoting general programs to people with disabilities and planning ahead for their participation.



- The ability to develop and implement programs, meeting the needs of all citizens is the ultimate measure of success. All employees share in the responsibility for including people with disabilities. Each staff member can promote inclusion by conveying an attitude of acceptance and willingness to accommodate.
- Inclusive programs benefit everyone! In addition to the benefits to those with disabilities, inclusive
 programs help everyone to become more sensitive to individual differences. This awareness and
 sensitivity to individual differences will hopefully lead to attitudes of acceptance, which carry over to all
 areas of life.





BEING A PROFESSIONAL

Showing the best practices through good <u>customer service!</u>





Working with people who have disabilities requires patience, dedication, and most of all, a passion for helping people.



A DISABILITY IS DEFINED AS.....

"Disability" as Defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act & the Americans with Disabilities Act

- A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities
- · A record of such an impairment
- Being regarded as having such an impairment, even when no limitations exist

Visible and Invisible Disabilities

- Sometimes visible
- Many time not obvious
- Some persons have multiple disabilities
- Often undisclosed
- Always changing









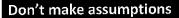




INTERACTING WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Focus on the person, not the disability

- Don't refer to a person's disability unless it is relevant.
- · Disabilities do not define a person.
- Remember that people with disabilities are people first, who happen to have a disability.
- Assume that a person CAN do something, rather than assuming they CAN'T. They will let you know.



- ♦ If you're not sure what to do, just ask
- Listen attentively
- Do not pretend to understand if you do not.





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NOT A LABEL. NOT A WORD.

NOT A DEROGATORY TERM YOU HEARD.

IM A WHO. SAME AS YOU.

DO YOU HAVE A NAME? ME TOO.

IM A MIND. A HEART. A PERSONALITY.

IM AN EQUAL PART OF THE OVERALL WE.

IM A HIM OR A HER. A HE OR A SHE.

WHO AM I? IM SIMPLY ME.

A PERSON.

NOT A DISABILITY.



POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATIONS

- Individualized Disability Awareness Training for Staff
- Adaptive Equipment/ Adaptation of Activities (When Possible)
- o Architectural Accessibility
- Increased Supervision (Inclusion Support Assistant)

We DO NOT offer....

- o One-on-One Assistants
- o Personal Care

Participant is responsible if these accommodations are needed









PEOPLE WHO ARE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

- Always identify yourself and others who may be with you when meeting someone with a vision impairment
- Never touch someone with a vision impairment unless they know that you are there.
- Offer your arm-don't propel or lead a person with a vision impairment.
- When accompanying a person with a visual impairment offer to read signs, menus, etc.
- Inform and describe where all exits are located





QUOTES OF THE DAY

(PERSONS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT)

"People scream at me and slow down their speech when they find out I can't see."



"Don't be afraid to use words like 'look' or 'see' when you're around me."





PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

- Do not lean or hang on someone's wheelchair. People with physical disabilities treat their wheelchairs as extensions of their bodies.
- Never patronize people who use wheelchairs by patting them on the head.
- Never move adaptive equipment outside the person's reach.
- Place yourself at eye level when speaking to someone using a wheelchair.
- Sit in a chair or kneel when speaking to a pε more than a few minutes.
- Instead of leaning over a counter that is too counter to provide service.



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QUOTES OF THE DAY

(PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES)

"If you talk to me please meet my eye level if possible, it is uncomfortable to keep looking up."

"It's okay to ask if I need assistance, but don't assume."



"Don't be afraid to use words like 'walking' or 'running' around me."





PEOPLE WHO ARE HARD OF HEARING

- Look directly at the person and speak clearly. Never shout at a person with a hearing impairment, just speak in a normal tone.
- Use body language. It offers clues to what you are saying.
- * Ask the person how they would prefer to communicate (lip read, sign, write notes, etc.).





QUOTES OF THE DAY

(PEOPLE WHO ARE HARD OF HEARING)

"Most people don't know that when you lip read you can only understand about 25-30% of spoken English."

"Talk to me, not the interpreter."



"It's okay to ask me to repeat something I've said, just don't pretend you understand."





DAILY REMINDERS

- Do not be afraid of saying or doing the wrong thing. It is better to communicate with a person with a disability and say the wrong thing than to ignore or avoid contact completely.
- Do not feel that persons with disabilities are getting "unfair" advantages. Accommodations help to even the playing field.
- Recognize that a person with a disability may give you a unique and new perspective in programs or life.
- We are all different and need to be recognized for that which we are capable of doing, not for what we may require aid to accomplish.
- The best way to help everyone, is for people to learn, understand and respect all people, whether they are the same or different."
- Don't be afraid of the unfamiliar. People who have never had contact with a person with a disability may have numerous questions.
- Curiosity is natural, however, you may be afraid to ask those questions for fear of violating the provisions of the ADA, or being rude. (examples......)





STAFF PERCEPTIONS

- Perceptions are formed by obtaining information through our senses.
- Perceptions are often formed by previous experience or by what we have been told.
- Perceptions can be formed as a lack of exposure or experiences with people, groups, places or things.
- Perceptions are formed when we are very young by what we've been told from those adults that we love and trust.
- Perceptions are often formed by what we see in the news, TV shows and by what we read.







THE IMPORTANCE OF <u>PEOPLE-FIRST LANGUAGE</u> WHEN REFERRING TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES



- People First Language puts the person before this disability, and describes what a person has, not who a person is.
- Always place person first, his or her disability second.
- Avoid labels. Never refer to people by their disability. For example, don't say "the handicapped, the crippled, the blind."
- Emphasize the person, not the disability





PEOPLE-FIRST LANGUAGE

NO MORE LABELS

- Labels degrade.
- Labels evoke negative pictures in our heads.
- Labels don't address individuality – they lump people together and focus on the disability, not the person and his/her abilities.

No one "suffers from," or "is afflicted with" or is a "victim of" anything.

No one is "wheelchairbound." There are people who USE wheelchairs. People are not "bound" by their wheelchairs; Their wheelchairs allow them the freedom to go where they want to go!

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PEOPLE-FIRST LANGUAGE

(QUIZ)

APPROPRIATE OR INAPPROPRIATE?

□ Wheelchair users

☐ The disabled

 $\hfill\square$ A young girl who is non verbal

☐ Individuals with Autism

☐ The deaf person

☐ Crippled students

☐ An adult who suffers from cerebral palsy

☐ An epileptic

☐ A student with a speech impairment

☐ A child with a visual impairment

☐ A developmentally delayed toddler

□ A hearing impaired infant

☐ A student with ADHD



HANDOUTS

- Disability Awareness & Sensitivity Training Questionnaire
- Appropriate Language Quiz
- * ADA Title II
- * Inclusion Statement
- Inclusion Definitions
- * Daily Reminders Handout
- Disability Awareness & Sensitivity Training Request Form
- Disability Definitions
- See the Person Not the Disability Booklet



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RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO STAFF

- Greensboro Parks & Recreation Inclusion Manual Located in the MainStream Resources Office 1001 4th Street
- Americans with Disability Acts of 1990 / Title II http://www.ada.gov/pubs/ada.htm
- Disability Etiquette Packet, United Spinal Association
 http://citynet/departments/PublicAffairs/Documents/Community%20Relations/Disability%20Etiquette.pdf
 City Net → Departments → Community Relations → Disability Etiquette

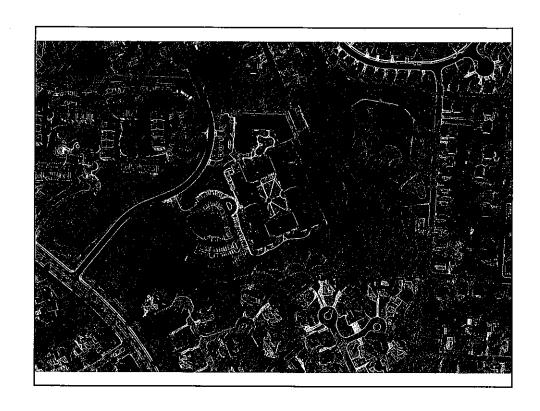


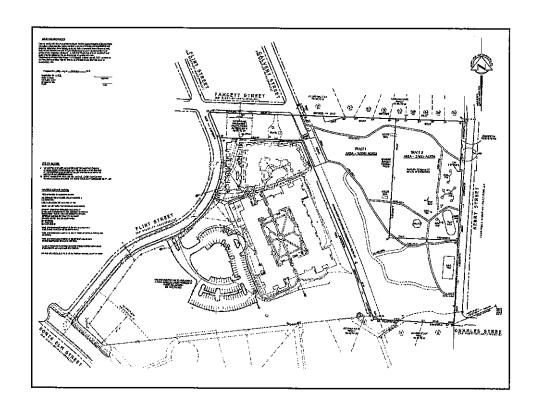




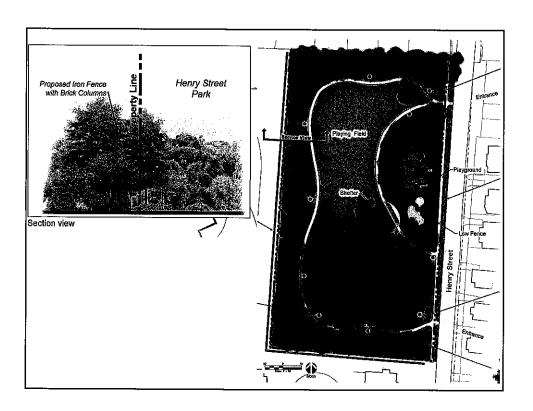


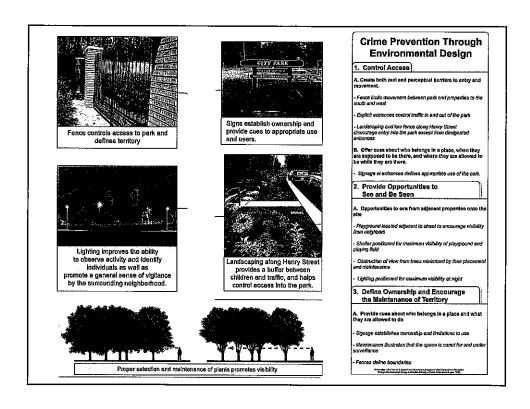
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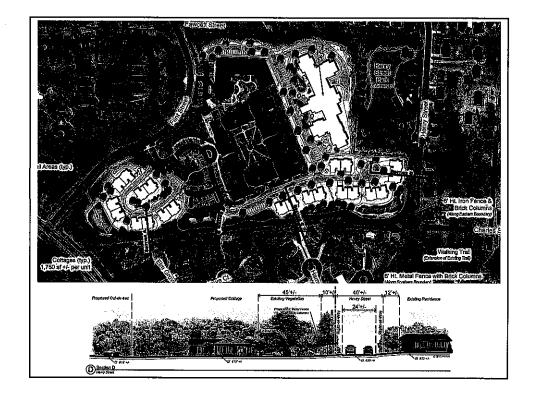


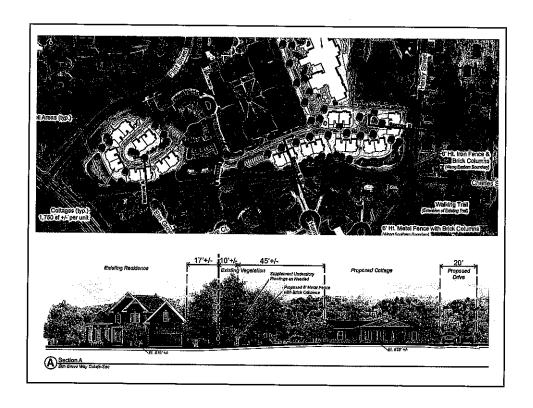


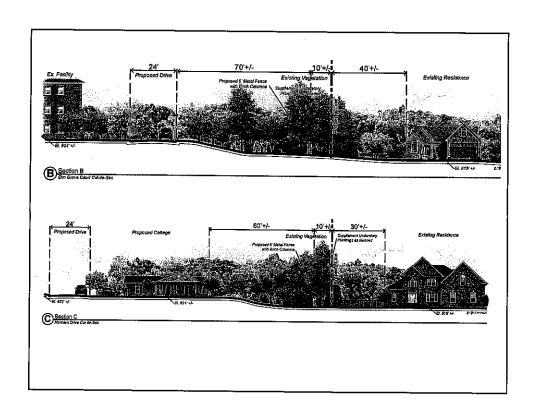


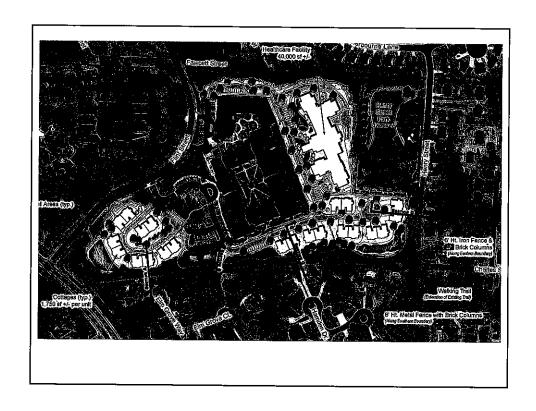


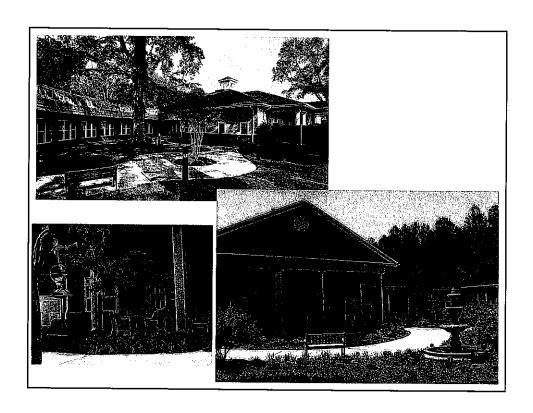


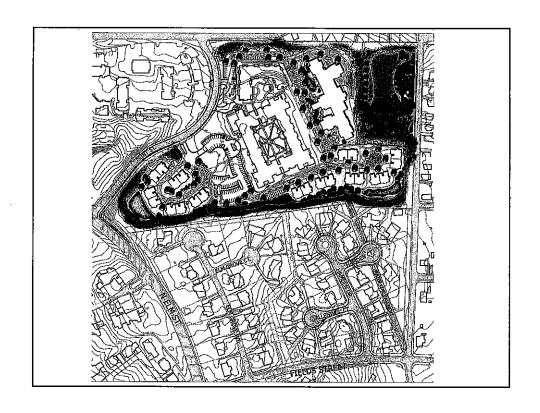


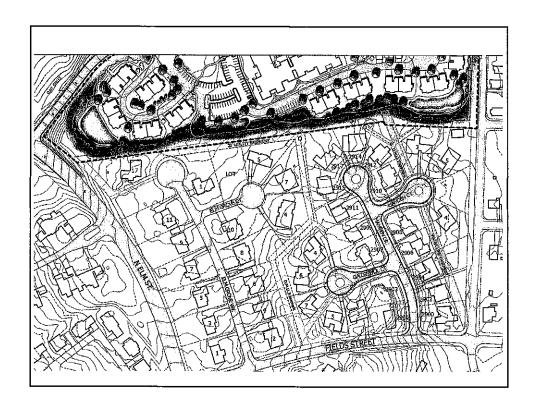








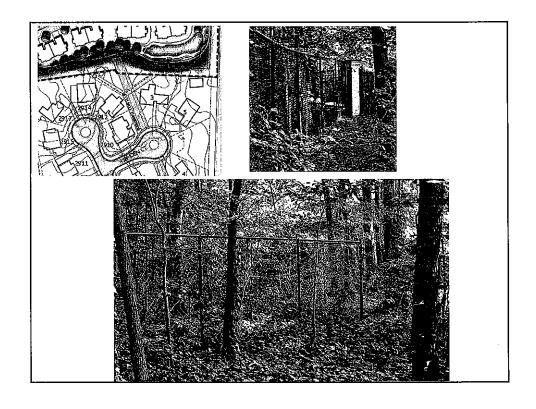


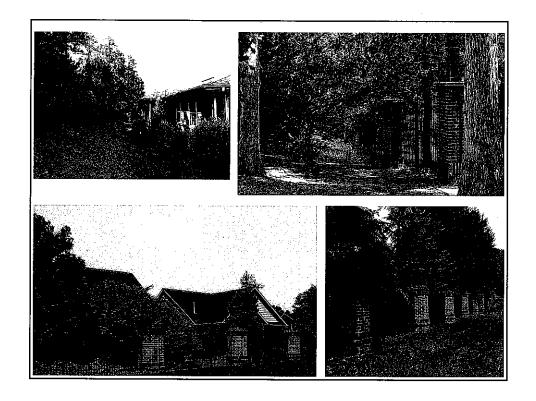


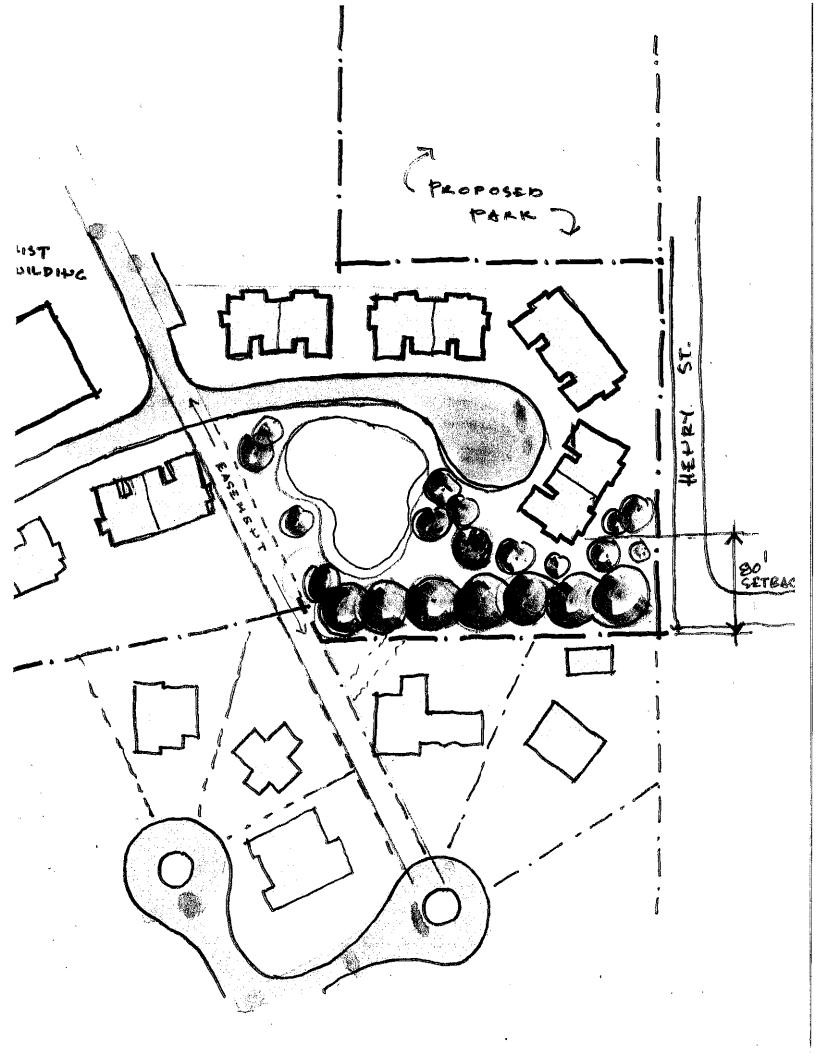


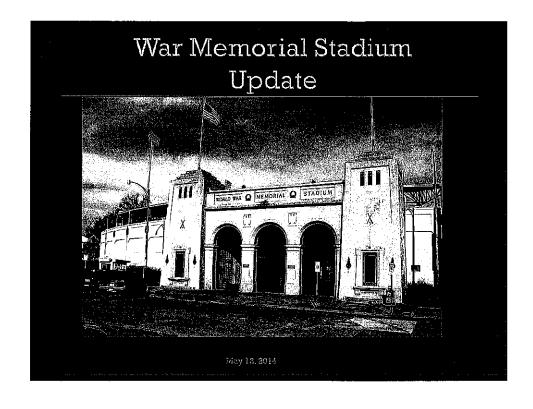




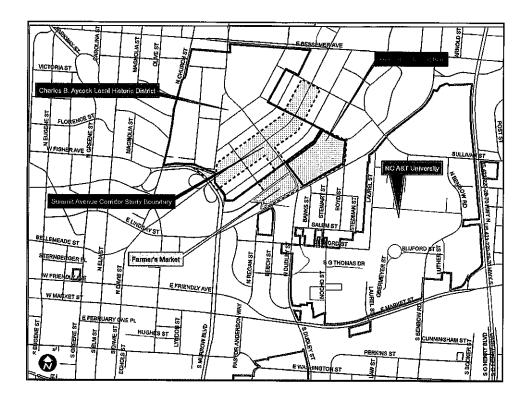






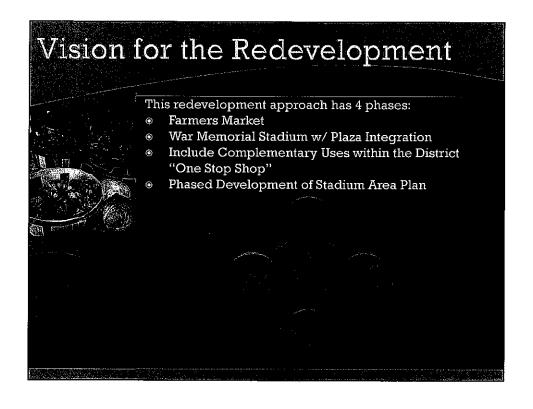


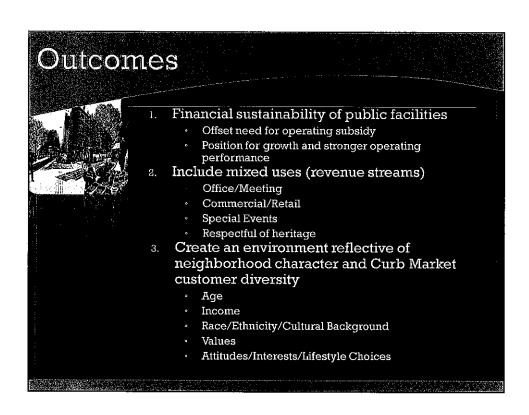
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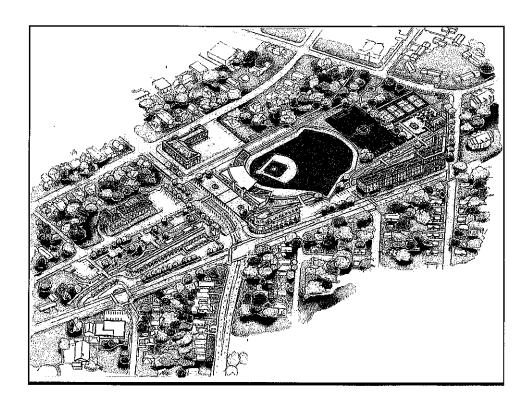


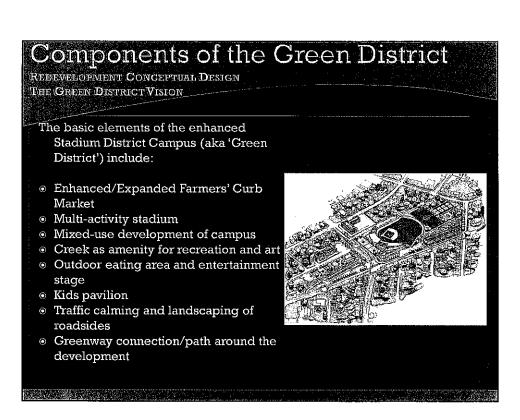
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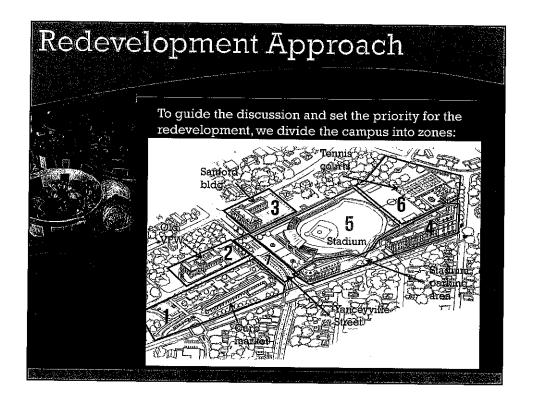
- Redevelopment of War Memorial Stadium and Farmers Curb Market expansion in tandem with University growth and development
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 - NC A&T Preeminence 2020 Plan
 - Historic Aycock Neighborhood Development and Strategic Plan improvements
 - Summit Avenue Corridor Study & Improvements
 - Farmer's Curb Market Long-Range Plan & Expansion
 - Economic Development Opportunities
- · Development of a comprehensive planning team
 - Key City and University Staff
 - Farmer's Curb Market Representative
 - Historic Aycock Neighborhood Representatives
 - BWC Consulting











Moving Forward

- Preservation Strategy supported by State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to maintain National Register Designation
- Development of Historic Rehabilitation Plan by Sutton Kennerly and Associates (SKA)
- Continue relationships with stakeholders to implement longterm planning vision